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TO BORG/ADAMS FROM HARTMAN

FOLLLOWING IS DRAFT LETTER TO WALDHEIM REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 18 ON CYPRUS, AND  
YOUR MUCH APPRECIATED WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF MY CURRENT  
MIDDLE EAST ENDEAVOR.

2. I HAVE CLOSELY FOLLOWED RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIONS  
ON CYPRUS, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION  
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367 ON MARCH 12 AND WHICH PLACES NEW AND HEAVY RESPONSI-

BILITIES UPON YOUR SHOULDERS IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT AS YOU UNDERTAKE THE DIFFICULT TASK OF BRINGING THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON CYPRUS BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE TO DISCUSS THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS THAT URGENTLY NEED TO BE RESOLVED.

3. MY OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS IN BRUSSELS AND ANKARA TOUCHED ONLY TANGENTIALLY ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS. MY GOAL IN TALKING WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERSHIP WAS TO STRESS THE URGENCY OF MAKING PROGRESS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT MIGHT BE

POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A SUBSTANTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD GIVE PROMISE OF AN EARLY AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. I BELIEVE WE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION AND THAT REAL MOVEMENT IS ATTAINABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, REMAINS ANXIOUS TO GET THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEHIND GREECE, LARGELY FOR THE REASONS HE EXPLAINED TO YOU WHEN YOU VISITED ATHENS IN FEBRUARY. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE GREEKS WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADOPT MORE FLEXIBLE POSITIONS DURING NEGOTIATIONS IF THE TURKS WERE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM SOME OF THE AREA THEY NOW HOLD AS PART OF A TOTAL SETTLEMENT.

5. IN ANKARA I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK NOT ONLY WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS BUT ALSO WITH THE HEADS OF VIRTUALLY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES. THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT TURKISH TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WERE NECESSARY AND WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A RELUCTANCE TO MAKE COMMITMENTS PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA.

6. AS I HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY, I MADE IT CLEAR TO BOTH THE GREEKS AND TURKS THAT THERE WAS NO U.S. PLAN OR SET OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS. NOR DID I ENGAGE IN ANY DISCUSSION OF TERRITORIAL PERCENTAGES FOR THE FUTURE GREEK AND TURKISH AREAS ON THE ISLAND. WHAT I DID EMPHASIZE WAS THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO BE SUCCESSFUL NEEDED A CERTAIN RHYTHM AND PACE; THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SERIES OF LOST OPPORTUNITIES IN 1974 AND EARLY 1975, AND THAT I FELT THE TIME MIGHT BE AT HAND TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO DEAL WITH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES.

7. I ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKISH AND GREEK TALKS ON THE AEGEAN, NOTING THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM WAS IMPORTANT IN ITSELF AND WOULD HELP ESTABLISH A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND FLEXIBILITY THAT COULD SPILL OVER AND HELP SOLVE OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.

8. THOUGH I THINK THE RESULTS OF MY MEETINGS WERE POSITIVE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT SITUATION IN ANKARA WILL HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED BEFORE WE CAN MOVE TO A NEW STAGE. MEANWHILE, IF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CAN BE RESUMED THIS WOULD GET THE PROCESS LAUNCHED AND HOPEFULLY SET THE STAGE FOR EARLY PROGRESS.

9. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATING SITUATION WITH YOU IN GREATER DETAIL AT SOME POINT AFTER MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

10. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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